

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 24 have been amended. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Magnus et al. (WO 02/082359; hereinafter “Magnus”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth “receiving a piece of paper having a printed pattern thereon” and “printing a hardcopy representation of an electronic application on the paper, the hardcopy representation having identification information to associate the printed pattern with the electronic application” (claim 1, emphasis added). In contrast, Magnus fails to disclose at least the above limitations.

According to Magnus, players fill in “coupons which are preprinted on a sheet of paper, or some other, preferably writable surface which has the specific position-coding pattern” (Magnus, p. 3, lines 32-36). Magnus does not further disclose printing a hardcopy representation of an electronic application on the paper, which already has a printed pattern thereon, where the hardcopy representation has identification information to associate the printed pattern with the electronic application. Therefore, Magnus fails to anticipate claim 1 as amended. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, claims 2-6 and 8-13 are not anticipated by Magnus. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14 and 24 as amended are not anticipated by Magnus for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections.

Claims 15-16, 18-23, and 25 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 14 and 24 respectively. Therefore, claims 15-16, 18-23, and 25 are not anticipated by Magnus for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 14 and 24.

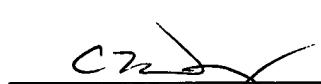
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) have been overcome by the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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